Slump in Family Planning Methods

2865. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a slump in family planning methods in certain states, particularly in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and U.P.;

(b) if so, the target set and the performance achieved in the country since 1996-97; and

(c) the measures proposed to enlighten about accessible methods for spacing and limit the families in those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) :(a) and (b) After the practice of fixing targets for individual contraceptives was given up in April 1996, the performance in sterilisation and IUD during 1996-97 have come down in the states of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh which subsequently has improved. A statement giving state-wise performance of family planning methods since the year 1995-96 is given in annexure *see* Appendix 186, Annexure no. 50. However it seems this has not meant slow down in Family Planning programme because birth rate has continued to fall during 1996 and also in 1997 as ascertained by Sample Registration System data collected by Registrar General of India.

(c) At community level over 23966 Mahila Swasthya Sanghs are working in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajsthan and Uttar Pradesh in addition to Governmental set up for dissemination of family welfare information among families. The local specific Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities are being organised at district level through Zila Saksharta Samiti (ZSS). The films division, song and drama division and All India Radio and Doordarshan are disseminating Reproductive Child Health—Family Welfare Programme.

Non-Availability of Instruments for Emergency Operations in Safdarjung Hospital

2866. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news item captioned, "Callousness punctures hospital's artary", which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 4th March, 1999;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether it is a fact that instruments required for performing emergency operations, are not available, in the absence of which surgery on the bones is not possible;

(e) whether the Director, CIO Safdarjung Hospital has written letters to DGHS and the Health Secretary in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) :(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) Complaints have been received about the malfunctioning of the Central Institute of Orthopaedics (CIO), Safdarjung Hospital. Some of these pertain to corruption in the Institute, lack of equipment in the emergency operation theatre, etc. The Central Government has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. P.K. Dave, Director, All India Institute of medical Sciences to enquire into the complaints received from DR. V.P. Bansal regarding the functioning of the CIO, Safdarjung Hospital especially relating to corruption and mismanagement as well as complaints from 8 doctors of Central Institute of Orthopaedics, Safdarjung Hospital against Dr. V.P. Bansal.